

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

NO AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWING IS REQUESTED

REMARKS

The applicant respectfully requests that the Claims be allowed and proceed to issuance. If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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